Specification Amendments

Amend the Specification, page 1, lines 3-9, as follows:

This application is a continuation of the co-pending continuation-in-part application entitled System for Modular Construction, which was filed on July 11, 2002, assigned Serial No. 10/192,940 and issued as U.S. Patent No. [_____] 6,615,999. The continuation-in-part application was filed as a copending application of the application entitled System for Modular Construction, which was filed on May 7, 1999, assigned a serial number of 09/307,229, and subsequently abandoned. The disclosures of the co-pending continuation-in-part application and the abandoned application are fully incorporated herein by reference.

Amend the Specification, page 10, beginning on line 22, as follows:

Figure 14 depicts a representative structural member having a pair of slots in each lengthwise side and a pair of slots in each widthwise side in accordance with the present invention.

Amend the Specification, page 32, beginning on line 12, as follows:

Referring now to Figure 14, a representative structural member having a pair of slots along each lengthwise side and a pair of slots along each widthwise side is illustrated. More particularly, as shown in Figure 14, the preferred structural member 1400 includes first lengthwise side 1410, second lengthwise side 1420, first widthwise side 1430 and second widthwise side 1440. The preferred first lengthwise side 1410 includes first lengthwise side first outside slot 1412 and first lengthwise side second outside slot 1414. The preferred first lengthwise side first outside slot 1412 includes first lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1416, and the preferred first lengthwise side second outside slot 1414 includes first lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1418. The

distance between first lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1416 and first widthwise side 1430 is a predetermined slot-to-side distance designated by "X". The distance between first lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1418 and second widthwise side 1440 is equal to the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X". The distance between first lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1416 and first lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1418, *i.e.* the slot-to-slot distance, is a whole number multiple of the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X", *i.e.* 2X.

Still referring to Figure 14, the preferred second lengthwise side 1420 includes second lengthwise side first outside slot 1422 and second lengthwise side second outside slot 1424. The preferred second lengthwise side first outside slot 1422 includes second lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1426, and the preferred second lengthwise side second outside slot 1424 includes second lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1428. The distance between second lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1426 and first widthwise side 1430 is the predetermined slot-to-side distance designated by "X". The distance between second lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1418 and second widthwise side 1440 is equal to the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X". The distance between second lengthwise side first outside slot axis 1426 and second lengthwise side second outside slot axis 1428, *i.e.* the slot-to-slot distance, is a whole number multiple of the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X", *i.e.* 2X.

The preferred first widthwise side 1430 includes first widthwise side first outside slot 1432 and first widthwise side second outside slot 1434. The preferred first widthwise side first outside slot 1432 includes first widthwise side first outside slot axis 1436, and the preferred first widthwise side second outside slot 1434 includes first widthwise side second outside slot axis 1438. The

distance between first widthwise side first outside slot axis 1436 and first lengthwise side 1410 is the predetermined slot-to-side distance designated by "X". The distance between first widthwise side second outside slot axis 1438 and second lengthwise side 1420 is equal to the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X". The distance between first widthwise side first outside slot axis 1436 and first widthwise side second outside slot axis 1438, *i.e.* the slot-to-slot distance, is a whole number multiple of the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X", *i.e.* 1X.

The preferred second widthwise side 1440 includes second widthwise side first outside slot 1442 and second widthwise side second outside slot 1444. The preferred second widthwise side first outside slot 1442 includes second widthwise side first outside slot axis 1446, and the preferred second widthwise side second outside slot 1444 includes second widthwise side second outside slot axis 1448. The distance between second widthwise side first outside slot axis 1446 and first lengthwise side 1410 is the predetermined slot-to-side distance designated by "X". The distance between second widthwise side second outside slot axis 1448 and second lengthwise side 1420 is equal to the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X". The distance between second widthwise side first outside slot axis 1446 and second widthwise side second outside slot axis 1448, *i.e.* the slot-to-slot distance, is a whole number multiple of the predetermined slot-to-side distance "X", *i.e.* 1X.